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PART II

POLITICAL AFFAIRS

SECTION 3. POLITICAL AFFAIRS

SECTION 3A. POLICY-MAKING ORGANS

Overview

TABLE 3A.1. SUMMARY OF 1994-1995 REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAMME

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 revised appropriation*	*Biennialized base*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1994-1995 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
3A. Policy-making organs							
A. Security Council	711.5	766.1	(39.0)	(5.0)	727.1	55.7	782.8
B. Trusteeship Council	39.7	113.9	-	-	113.9	9.5	123.4
C. Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space	5.0	29.8	(29.8)	(100.0)	-	-	-
D. Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples	417.6	529.1	-	-	529.1	41.0	570.1
E. Special Committee against Apartheid and other bodies	1 899.8	2 517.3	-	-	2 517.3	172.0	2 689.3
F. Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People	110.4	110.4	-	-	110.4	8.5	118.9
G. Conference on Disarmament	45.2	69.3	-	-	69.3	4.5	73.8
Total	**3 229.2**	**4 135.9**	**(68.8)**	**(1.6)**	**4 067.1**	**291.2**	**4 358.3**

TABLE 3A.2. SUMMARY OF 1994-1995 ESTIMATES BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE

(Thousands of United States dollars)

	1992-1993 revised appropriation	*Biennialized base*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1994-1995 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Staff costs	15.6	5.5	-	-	5.5	0.4	5.9
Travel on official business	1 131.2	1 594.2	(29.8)	(1.8)	1 564.4	117.4	1 681.8
Contractual services	712.9	767.5	(39.0)	(5.0)	728.5	55.9	784.4
General operating expenses	63.3	90.5	-	-	90.5	8.2	98.7
Supplies and materials	3.1	3.8	-	-	3.8	0.4	4.2
Fellowships, grants, contributions	1 303.1	1 674.4	-	-	1 674.4	108.9	1 783.3
Total, regular budget	**3 229.2**	**4 135.9**	**(68.8)**	**(1.6)**	**4 067.1**	**291.2**	**4 358.3**

Overview

3A.1 Provision is made under this subsection for requirements relating to policy-making organs the servicing of which is the sole responsibility of the Department of Political Affairs and which are deemed to require specific provisions.

A. Security Council

TABLE 3A.3. SUMMARY OF 1994-1995 ESTIMATES BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE

(Thousands of United States dollars)

	1992-1993 revised appropriation	*Biennialized base*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1994-1995 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Contractual services	711.5	766.1	(39.0)	(5.0)	727.1	55.7	782.8
Total, regular budget	**711.5**	**766.1**	**(39.0)**	**(5.0)**	**727.1**	**55.7**	**782.8**

Overview

3A.2 The Security Council, one of the principal organs of the United Nations, was established under Article 7 of the Charter of the United Nations and is charged with the primary responsibility for maintenance of world peace and international security. As specified in Article 28 of the Charter, the Council is so organized as to be able to function continuously. The Council is authorized, under Article 29 of the Charter, to establish such subsidiary organs as it deems necessary for the performance of its functions. Such bodies, of either fixed or indeterminate duration, meet as required.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Contractual services

3A.3 A provision of $727,100 is requested for external printing requirements for issuance of the *Official Records of the Security Council* and reports of its subsidiary organs in the six official languages of the United Nations. The proposed reduction reflects an across-the-board change for external printing explained in part I.

B. Trusteeship Council

TABLE 3A.4. SUMMARY OF 1994-1995 ESTIMATES BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 revised appropriation*	*Biennialized base*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1994-1995 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Travel on official business	30.4	99.8	-	-	99.8	8.2	108.0
Contractual services	1.4	1.4	-	-	1.4	0.2	1.6
General operating expenses	7.9	12.7	-	-	12.7	1.1	13.8
Total, regular budget	**39.7**	**113.9**	-	-	**113.9**	**9.5**	**123.4**

Overview

3A.4 The Trusteeship Council, composed of five Member States, is a principal organ of the United Nations established under Article 7 of the Charter of the United Nations. Its function is to assist the General Assembly and the Security Council in carrying out their responsibilities with respect to the international trusteeship system. The Council holds an annual session, and resumed or special sessions as and when required, at which time it considers reports submitted by the Administering Authority of the one remaining Territory under the trusteeship system (the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands) on its administration of that Territory and the measures taken by it to achieve the objectives of the trusteeship system. It examines petitions and takes other actions in accordance with the provisions of Articles 83 and 87 of the Charter and the relevant trusteeship agreement. The Council's functions include the dispatch to the Territory of a periodic visiting mission and such special missions as may be necessary.

3A.5 The objectives of the international trusteeship system, as set out in the Charter, include the promotion of self-government or independence for Trust Territories in accordance with the freely expressed wishes of the peoples concerned. On 22 December 1990, the Security Council, by its resolution 683 (1990), determined that the applicability of the trusteeship agreement had terminated with respect to three of the four entities comprising the last Trust Territory, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. One entity (Palau) still remains under the trusteeship system.

3A.6 Provision has therefore been made for the Trusteeship Council in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995 to continue to carry out its responsibilities regarding the Trust Territory, including provision for the dispatch of visiting missions during the biennium as circumstances might require.

3A.7 Responsibility for the substantive servicing of the Trusteeship Council rests with the Department of Political Affairs. Requirements in that respect are made under subsection 3C.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Travel on official business

3A.8 On the basis of past experience and on the assumption that the Council would dispatch one mission of approximately two weeks' duration each year to the Territory, estimated requirements of $99,800 relate to the travel of representatives ($76,600) and travel of staff ($23,200) on visiting missions. It is further assumed that each mission would be composed of a representative of each Member State of the Trusteeship Council and representatives of two States of the Pacific region, and would be serviced by four secretariat staff.

Contractual services

3A.9 The provision under this heading ($1,400) would cover the cost of external printing for the publication programme of the Council.

General operating expenses

3A.10 The estimated requirements under this heading ($12,700) relate to local transportation of the Council's visiting and special missions ($8,000), communications ($1,900) and miscellaneous services ($2,800).

C. Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space

TABLE 3A.5. SUMMARY OF 1994-1995 ESTIMATES BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE

(Thousands of United States dollars)

	1992-1993 revised appropriation	*Biennialized base*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1994-1995 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Travel on official business	5.0	29.8	(29.8)	(100.0)	-	-	-
Total, regular budget	**5.0**	**29.8**	**(29.8)**	**(100.0)**	-	-	-

Overview

3A.11 The Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space was established by the General Assembly by its resolution 1472 (XIV) of 18 December 1959 to review, as appropriate, the area of international cooperation and to study practical and feasible means for giving effect to programmes involving the peaceful uses of outer space, including practical applications of space technology that could appropriately be undertaken under United Nations auspices, and the nature of legal problems that might arise from the exploration of outer space.

3A.12 In the discharge of its mandate, as supplemented by subsequent resolutions of the General Assembly, the Committee has established a Scientific and Technical Subcommittee and a Legal Subcommittee, as well as various working groups. The Office for Outer Space Affairs is responsible for the substantive servicing of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space and its Scientific and Technical Subcommittee. In addition, it has also taken over from the Office of Legal Affairs responsibility for servicing of the Committee's Legal Subcommittee. Provision has been made in previous bienniums for travel by staff of the Office of Legal Affairs to Geneva to service the Legal Subcommittee, whose sessions have alternated between Headquarters and Geneva. It is now assumed that the venue of the Legal Subcommittee will, until further review, be Vienna, to which the secretariat of the Committee has been relocated. Accordingly, the resources previously required for travel to service the Legal Subcommittee are no longer needed.

D. Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

TABLE 3A.6. SUMMARY OF 1994-1995 ESTIMATES BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 revised appropriation*	*Biennialized base*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1994-1995 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Staff costs	5.5	5.5	-	-	5.5	0.4	5.9
Travel on official business	379.5	467.9	-	-	467.9	35.4	503.3
General operating expenses	29.5	51.9	-	-	51.9	4.8	56.7
Supplies and materials	3.1	3.8	-	-	3.8	.4	4.2
Total, regular budget	**417.6**	**529.1**	-	-	**529.1**	**41.0**	**570.1**

Overview

3A.13 The Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, composed of 25 Member States, is the principal subsidiary organ of the General Assembly charged with examining the application of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, contained in Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960. It has two subcommittees and a working group.

3A.14 The Committee's mandate includes the following:

(a) Seeking suitable means for the immediate and full implementation of General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) and formulating specific proposals to that end;

(b) Making concrete suggestions to the Security Council with regard to developments in colonial Territories that are likely to threaten international peace and security;

(c) Examining the compliance of Member States with resolution 1514 (XV) and other relevant resolutions;

(d) Studying the conditions in the remaining Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories, including the dispatch of visiting missions, and reporting thereon to the General Assembly;

(e) Enlisting worldwide support for the achievement of the objectives of the Declaration;

(f) Reviewing the list of Territories to which the Declaration applies and making specific proposals to the General Assembly to that end.

3A.15 In pursuance of its mandate the Special Committee may hold meetings, including some away from Headquarters, to examine the implementation of the Declaration and may send visiting missions to Non-Self-Governing Territories. It may also hold appropriate consultations and contacts with Governments, specialized agencies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations. Its members may participate in conferences, seminars and other special meetings dealing with decolonization sponsored by non-governmental organizations as well as by the United Nations bodies concerned. In accordance with the relevant General Assembly resolutions, the Special Committee promotes an international campaign for the dissemination of information on decolonization and publicity for the work of the United Nations in the field of decolonization and reports thereon to the Assembly.

3A.16 There are currently 18 Territories on the list of Non-Self-Governing Territories. The programme of work of the Special Committee is decided upon on an annual basis, taking into account relevant decisions of the General Assembly. On the basis of the scope of the Special Committee's responsibilities and its programme of work approved by the Assembly for 1993, it is anticipated that the Committee may carry out the following activities during the biennium 1994-1995:

(a) Sending a maximum of two visiting missions per year of two and a half weeks' duration to the Territories;

(b) Dispatching missions of representation to conferences and holding consultations and contacts on the question of decolonization with Governments, United Nations bodies, particularly specialized agencies, and international institutions associated with the United Nations (up to 12 missions of consultations of one week's duration each year); the Organization of African Unity (OAU) (one mission of consultation of one week's duration each year); and the President of the Economic and Social Council during regular sessions of the Council; the Organization of American States (OAS); the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and other regional institutions in the Caribbean region (up to two missions); and the South Pacific Forum and other regional institutions in the Pacific region (up to two missions);

(c) Participating each year in six conferences, seminars and other special events dealing with decolonization sponsored by non-governmental organizations and the United Nations bodies concerned;

(d) Making arrangements, in consultation with the Administering Powers and the regional organizations concerned, for the appearance before the Committee of representatives from Non-Self-Governing Territories.

3A.17 Responsibility for the substantive servicing of the Special Committee, its subsidiary bodies and its visiting and other missions as required rests with the Department of Political Affairs. Requirements in that respect are made under subsection 3C.

3A.18 Without prejudice to the decisions to be taken by the General Assembly at its forty-eighth and forty-ninth sessions on the programme of work of the Special Committee for 1994 and 1995, the estimates included in table 3A.6 and the corresponding explanations provided in paragraphs 3A.15 to 3A.22 are based on the level of activities approved for the year 1993.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Staff costs

3A.19 The provision of $5,500 relates to the cost of the services of an interpreter during missions of the Committee.

Travel on official business

3A.20 Provision of $467,900 is made under this heading for the travel of representatives ($226,000) to undertake the activities outlined in paragraph 3A.15, as well as attendance at two regional seminars (one per year) to be held in the Caribbean and the Pacific regions, within the context of the Plan of Action for the International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism; travel of representatives of national bodies and others ($79,800) to participate in its work and for attendance at the aforementioned seminars; and for travel of staff ($162,100) to assist the Committee in carrying out its activities outlined in paragraph 3A and the two regional seminars.

General operating expenses

3A.21 Requirements under this heading ($51,900) relate to the rental of premises ($7,900), local transportation ($22,000), communications ($6,300), miscellaneous services ($15,700) arising during the Committee's missions and the proposed regional seminars referred to in paragraph 3A.20.

Supplies and materials

3A.22 The provision of $3,800 would cover various supply requirements arising during missions of the Committee.

E. Special Committee against Apartheid and other bodies

TABLE 3A.7. SUMMARY OF 1994-1995 ESTIMATES BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 revised appropriation*	*Biennialized base*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1994-1995 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Travel on official business	570.8	817.0	-	-	817.0	60.8	877.8
General operating expenses	25.9	25.9	-	-	25.9	2.3	28.2
Fellowships, grants, contributions	1 303.1	1 674.4	-	-	1 674.4	108.9	1 783.3
Total, regular budget	**1 899.8**	**2 517.3**	-	-	**2 517.3**	**172.0**	**2 689.3**

Overview

(a) Special Committee against Apartheid

3A.23 The Special Committee against Apartheid was established by the General Assembly by its resolution 1761 (XVII) of 6 November 1962. The mandate of the Special Committee was expanded by the Assembly in its resolution 2671 A (XXV) of 8 December 1970; its membership was increased in the same resolution and in resolution 3324 D (XXIX) of 16 December 1974. The Special Committee is currently composed of 17 Member States. It has a working group and two subcommittees, the Subcommittee on the Implementation of the United Nations Resolutions on South Africa and the Subcommittee on Developments in South Africa.

3A.24 The mandate of the Special Committee is essentially to undertake, as the focal point within the United Nations system, international efforts for the eradication of apartheid by following the situation constantly and reporting thereon to the General Assembly and the Security Council, by promoting the international campaign against apartheid in cooperation with the specialized agencies and regional and non-regional organizations, and by discharging other specific responsibilities assigned to it by the Assembly.

3A.25 In pursuance of its mandate, the Special Committee organizes international conferences, seminars and meetings. It consults with Governments, specialized agencies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, both inside and outside South Africa, for the establishment of a united, democratic and non-racial society in that country. It also sends representatives to various conferences on issues relevant to its mandate. The Committee maintains close liaison with other United Nations bodies, with the specialized agencies, OAU, the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, the South African liberation movements recognized by OAU, anti-apartheid movements, trade union confederations and other non-governmental organizations.

3A.26 The programme of work of the Special Committee is decided upon on an annual basis by the General Assembly. In accordance with the Special Committee's responsibilities, it is anticipated that it will carry out the following activities during the biennium 1994-1995:

(a) Sponsoring and co-sponsoring approximately six international/regional conferences against apartheid and other meetings each year;

(b) Conducting about five missions of consultations each year with Governments;

(c) Participating in some nine meetings and other events organized by other United Nations bodies;

(d) Undertaking missions of consultation with OAU and other international organizations;

(e) Inviting national eminent personalities for consultation and participation in international events relevant to its mandate;

(f) Organizing, sponsoring and participating in any other events within its mandate.

3A.27 Pursuant to its mandate, the Special Committee may approve grants to be made from the special allocation under the regular budget and from the Trust Fund for Publicity against Apartheid for the purpose of promoting activities organized either by the Special Committee or by non-governmental organizations, institutions and the media. On the basis of past experience, it is anticipated that some 30 grants from the special allocation for special projects of the Special Committee and some 30 grants from the Trust Fund for Publicity against Apartheid will be made each year.

(b) Commission against Apartheid in Sports

3A.28 The Commission against Apartheid in Sports was established, under the terms of article 11 of the International Convention against Apartheid in Sports, at the resumed first meeting of the States Parties to the Convention, held on 2 March 1989. The Convention had been adopted by the General Assembly by its resolution 40/64 G of 10 December 1985.

3A.29 It is assumed that the Commission will hold one session of four working days each year during the biennium 1994-1995 to fulfil its mandate in accordance with the requirements of the Convention.

3A.30 It is also expected that, pursuant to the requirements of article 11 of the Convention, the State Parties will hold a meeting in 1994 to elect nine members of the Commission to replace those whose terms will expire at the end of two years.

(c) Intergovernmental Group to Monitor the Supply and Shipping of Oil and Petroleum Products to South Africa

3A.31 The Intergovernmental Group to Monitor the Supply and Shipping of Oil and Petroleum Products to South Africa was established by the General Assembly in its resolution 41/35 F of 10 November 1986.

3A.32 The mandate of the Group is essentially to monitor the implementation of the measures established by the Assembly in its resolution 41/35 F with regard to the embargo of oil and petroleum products to South Africa and by the successive resolutions on the same subject. It is anticipated that, pursuant to its mandate, the Group will hold up to four meetings each year during the biennium 1994-1995, in order to review the situation in accordance with its mandate, and that it will issue related reports to the Assembly at its forty-ninth and fiftieth sessions, as well as conduct other activities under its mandate.

3A.33 Responsibility for the substantive servicing of the Special Committee against Apartheid, its subsidiary bodies, the Commission against Apartheid in Sports and the Intergovernmental Group to Monitor the Supply and Shipping of Oil and Petroleum Products to South Africa rests with the Centre against Apartheid within the Department of Political Affairs. Provisions for the secretariats of those bodies are made in the work programme of the Centre against Apartheid, under subsection 3C.

3A.34 Without prejudice to the decisions to be taken by the General Assembly at its forty-eighth and forty-ninth sessions concerning the programme of work for 1994 and 1995 of the Special Committee against Apartheid and other intergovernmental bodies engaged in activities against apartheid, no adjustments have been made to the estimates in table 3A.7, which are based on the level of activities approved for the year 1993.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Special Committee against Apartheid and other bodies

Regular activities

Travel on official business

3A.35 Provision is made under this heading ($817,000) for the travel of members of the Special Committee ($332,200) and staff ($226,600) to assist the Committee on its fact-finding and contact missions and participation in conferences and other forums on well-defined topics of relevance. The estimated requirements also relate to the travel of representatives of national bodies to participate in the Committee's work ($258,200).

General operating expenses

3A.36 The estimate under this heading ($25,900) covers rental of equipment ($2,800), communications ($5,200), miscellaneous services ($13,700) and hospitality ($4,200) at meetings and conferences sponsored by the Special Committee away from Headquarters and for receptions held prior to the commencement of some scheduled events in order to facilitate exchange of views, contacts and networking among participants.

Fellowships, grants, contributions

3A.37 The estimate under this heading ($1,674,400) would cover the following:

(a) Special allocation for special projects of the Special Committee against Apartheid. Provision for the special allocation for the special projects of the Special Committee against Apartheid is based on the assumption that, during the biennium 1994-1995, the General Assembly will continue to approve annual special allocations as it has done since 1978, most recently in resolution 47/116 B of 18 December 1992, in which it approved a special allocation of $450,000 for the year 1993. The estimate of $930,000 reflects the level of the special allocations approved by the Assembly for 1992 and 1993;

(b) United Nations grants. In view of the United Nations policy of cooperation with South African liberation movements in the struggle against apartheid, as reaffirmed in the annual General Assembly resolutions on the question of apartheid, a provision of ($744,400) would cover the anticipated 1994-1995 grants by the United Nations to the African National Congress of South Africa ($372,200) and to the Pan Africanist Congress of Azania ($372,200) for the maintenance of their offices in New York. The estimate is in response to resolution 47/116 B.

F. Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

TABLE 3A.8. SUMMARY OF 1994-1995 ESTIMATES BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 revised appropriation*	*Biennialized base*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1994-1995 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Travel on official business	110.4	110.4	-	-	110.4	8.5	118.9
Total, regular budget	**110.4**	**110.4**	-	-	**110.4**	**8.5**	**118.9**

Overview

3A.38 The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People was established in 1976 in accordance with General Assembly resolution 3376 (XXX) of 10 November 1975. The Committee's membership was increased from 20 to 23 by the Assembly at its thirty-first session. In its resolution 47/64 A of 11 December 1992, the General Assembly again renewed the Committee's mandate and affirmed the permanent responsibility of the United Nations with respect to the question of Palestine until it was resolved in all its aspects in a satisfactory manner in accordance with international legitimacy. It is envisaged that the Committee will remain in existence until its recommendations, as endorsed by the Assembly at its thirty-first and subsequent sessions, have been implemented and until a just, comprehensive and lasting settlement of the question of Palestine has been achieved.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

3A.39 The estimate under this heading ($110,400) covers the anticipated travel costs of Committee members and observers to meetings organized by the organs and organizations of the United Nations system and the specialized agencies and other international conferences and meetings that the Committee considers appropriate to attend, as well as the sending of delegations on other missions and outreach efforts the Committee may undertake in the discharge of its mandate. Provision is also made for the travel of prominent personalities, experts and others whom the Committee decides to invite to participate in special events relating to the question of Palestine or for consultations with the Committee whenever considered appropriate.

G. Conference on Disarmament

TABLE 3A.9. SUMMARY OF 1994-1995 ESTIMATES BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE

(Thousands of United Nations dollars)

	1992-1993 revised appropriation	*Biennialized base*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1994-1995 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Staff costs	10.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Travel on official business	35.1	69.3	-	-	69.3	4.5	73.8
Total, regular budget	**45.2**	**69.3**	-	-	**69.3**	**4.5**	**73.8**

Overview

3A.40 Policy-making organs in the field of disarmament are the First Committee of the General Assembly, the Disarmament Commission and the Conference on Disarmament. The Office for Disarmament Affairs of the Department of Political Affairs is responsible for providing substantive and administrative services to these intergovernmental policy-making bodies.

3A.41 The Disarmament Commission, a subsidiary organ of the General Assembly, is a deliberative body whose function is to consider and make recommendations on various problems in the field of disarmament. It meets annually for a period not exceeding four weeks for in-depth deliberations on substantive items, as well as for one organizational session per year, and holds consultations year round.

3A.42 In paragraph 120 of the Final Document of its Tenth Special Session (resolution S-10/2 of 30 June 1978), the General Assembly welcomed the agreement reached during that session that the Committee on Disarmament would be convened at Geneva not later than January 1979. At the beginning of its 1984 session, the Committee on Disarmament agreed to change its designation to the Conference on Disarmament. The Conference is open to the 5 nuclear-weapon States and 35 other States, and is based at Geneva.

3A.43 Pursuant to paragraph 120 *(c)* of the Final Document, the Secretary-General, following consultations with the Conference on Disarmament, appoints the Secretary-General of the Conference, who also acts as his personal representative, to assist the Conference and its President in organizing the Conference.

3A.44 In its resolution 34/83 L of 11 December 1979, the General Assembly noted that the Committee on Disarmament had adopted its rules of procedure and requested the Secretary-General to provide the staff, as well as the necessary assistance and services needed by the Committee (now Conference) on Disarmament and any subsidiary bodies that it might establish, in accordance with the arrangements contained in its rules of procedure. The secretariat of the Conference comprises officers of the Office for Disarmament Affairs of the Department of Political Affairs.

3A.45 In its resolution 43/74 C of 7 December 1988, the General Assembly again urged the Conference on Disarmament, as a matter of high priority, to intensify the negotiations on a chemical weapons convention and to reinforce further its efforts by, *inter alia*, increasing the time during the year that it devotes to such negotiations.

3A.46 In its decision CD/1036 of 21 August 1990, the Conference on Disarmament amended rule 7 of its rules of procedure, thereby dividing its annual session into three rather than two parts, beginning in 1991. Meetings take place from seven to eight months each year.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Staff costs

3A.47 It is recalled that in the course of the restructuring of the Secretariat the post of Assistant-Secretary-General, whose incumbent served as the Secretary-General of the Conference and also acted as the Personal Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, was abolished. These functions are now carried out by an incumbent at the D-2 level. This post is reflected in the staffing table of the Office for Disarmament Affairs under subsection 3B.

Travel on official business

3A.48 The resources requested under this heading ($69,300) relate to travel and subsistence costs for staff of the Office for Disarmament Affairs detailed from Headquarters to Geneva to provide substantive servicing to the Conference on Disarmament.